

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

February 10, 1998
MAG Office Building
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Steve Cleveland, Chairman, Goodyear	Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
Debbie Kohn for Carlos Palma, Avondale	Terry Ellis, Peoria
*Delbert Self, Buckeye	Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
*Jon Pearson, Carefree	Scott Rigby for Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek
*Kerry Dudek, Cave Creek	David Easchief, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Lloyd Harrell, Chandler	Indian Community
Leonard Rivera for Rosalinda Herrera,	David Ellison for Dick Bowers, Scottsdale
El Mirage	Mike Branham for Dick McComb, Surprise
*Paul Nordin, Fountain Hills	Patrick Flynn for Gary Brown, Tempe
Carl Stephani, Gila Bend	Reyes Medrano for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community	David Siegel, Wickenburg
Ed Beasley for Martin Vanacour, Glendale	*Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
Kent Cooper, Gilbert	Tom Buick for David Smith, Maricopa County
*Enrique Serna, Guadalupe	Mary Peters for Larry Bonine, ADOT
*Robert Musselwhite, Litchfield Park	Ken Driggs, RPTA
Mike Hutchinson for Charles Luster, Mesa	

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Anderson, MAG	Cecilia Kelly, SRP
Cathy Arthur, MAG	Jeff Kulaga, City of Scottsdale
Lindy Bauer, MAG	Patrice Kraus, City of Chandler
James M. Bourey, MAG	Denise McClafferty, MAG
Blake Burgess, MAG	Kelly McMullen, Maricopa County
Peggy Carpenter, City of Scottsdale	Ardeu Ruiz, Gila River Indian Community
Blue Crowley	Audrey Skidmore, MAG
Pingkuan, Di, MAG	Dennis Smith, MAG
John Farry, MAG	Lisa Takata, City of Phoenix
Jim Huling, City of Tempe	Rita Walton, MAG
Terry Johnson, MAG	Rachel Weiss, City of Glendale
Bryan Jungwirth, RPTA	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Cleveland, Goodyear, at 12:11 p.m. Chairman Cleveland welcomed Ardeu Ruiz from the Gila River Indian Community.

Chairman Cleveland introduced proxy David Ellison, Assistant Manager, for Dick Bowers from the City of Scottsdale, Management Assistant Scott Rigby for Cynthia Seelhammer from the Town of Queen Creek, Debbie Kohn for Carlos V. Palma from the City of Avondale, Assistant Manager Ed Beasley for Martin Vanacour from the City of Glendale, Deputy Manager Pat Flynn for Gary Brown from the City of Tempe. Chairman Cleveland also introduced Acting Manager Kerry Dudek from the Town of Cave Creek.

David Ellison made an announcement regarding the restructuring of personnel in the City of Scottsdale.

2. Approval of January 14, 1998 Meeting Minutes

Frank Fairbanks moved, and Ken Driggs seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the January 14, 1998 Management Committee meeting.

3. Call to the Audience

Chairman Cleveland explained the timing system for public comments. He noted that public comments should not exceed three minutes.

Dianne Barker thanked the Management Committee for the progress in public input. She noted that the Management Committee agenda letter does not indicate the location of the bike rack in the garage or that the Regional Planning Transportation Authority would provide transit tickets for those who ride the bus. She also stated that this information was not noted on the Region 2025 Vision agenda.

Ms. Barker stated that she has a handout entitled "Help Plan the Future" for anyone interested. She noted that the transit system would only post paid advertisements on the buses. Transit is supposed to be for the people. Ms. Barker stated that ISTEA requires public involvement. She noted that people desperately want a better bus system.

Ms. Barker thanked the Management Committee for their time.

Blue Crowley apologized to Ms. Arthur for his comments at the last meeting. He noted that the Air Quality Committee does not have it together and that is not Ms. Arthur's fault. Mr. Crowley noted that his address was wrong in the last minutes. The correct house number is 23115.

Mr. Crowley stated that he spoke with Mr. Driggs regarding RPTA meetings not being posted.

Mr. Crowley referenced an article in the Avondale newspaper regarding no transportation for a woman on welfare. He indicated that members were not dealing with the transit or freeway systems.

Mr. Crowley thanked the Management Committee for their time.

4. Executive Director's Report

James M. Bourey stated he was in Washington, D.C. for the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), and the Regional Summit Conferences. The discussion at the AMPO conference included the reauthorization of ISTEA. Mr. Bourey noted that neither the Senate nor the House may make a decision until after a revised balanced budget agreement in order to make more funding available.

One of the significant issues discussed at the NARC conference was organizational groups in the membership. The Regional Summit was a major gathering of 500 regional leaders from the public, not for profit and private sectors. It was intended as the beginning of a dialog to set a national regional agenda.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Regional Council Executive Committee will hold it's partnering session with the ADOT Board on Wednesday, February 25, 1998. A study session will also be held with the MAG Regional Council, Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), the Regional Planning Transportation Authority (RPTA), and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC).

Mr. Bourey welcomed two new MAG employees who work in the air quality modeling area. Blake Burgess who is a native of Arizona and attended Georgia Tech. Pingkuan Di is from California and has a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering.

Chairman Cleveland thanked Mr. Bourey for his report.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to approval of the consent agenda, Chairman Cleveland asked if any members of the Management Committee wished to have any of the items removed from the consent agenda. No members requested any to be removed.

Chairman Cleveland recognized public comment on the consent agenda item.

Blue Crowley asked how close to the tunnel this auxiliary lane is, and if CTOC was involved in the process. Roger Herzog stated that the auxiliary lane is part of the same interchange area.

The consent agenda item was for information, discussion and consultation.

6. Consultation on Regional Emissions Analysis for the Price Freeway/U.S. 60 Auxiliary Lane

On January 28, 1998, the Regional Council approved \$1,365,000 for the design and construction of an auxiliary lane at the end of the southbound to eastbound ramp of the traffic interchange of the Price and Superstition Freeways contingent upon the required air quality conformity actions being completed. The required regional emissions analysis has been completed and indicates that conformity requirements are met. As the agency responsible for approving and implementing the project, the Arizona Department of Transportation is required to make a conformity finding. In accordance with adopted MAG procedures, documentation regarding the regional emissions analysis is being provided for consultation. The deadline for submitting comments to MAG is February 20, 1998.

7. Air Quality Update

Mr. Bourey introduced Cathy Arthur who will report on three separate items involving air quality: the Governor's Air Quality Strategies Task Force Recommendations, Serious Area PM-10 Plan Most Stringent Control Measures, and Carbon Monoxide Modeling Update.

A. Governor's Air Quality Strategies Task Force Recommendations

Cathy Arthur stated that in November 1997, Governor Jane Dee Hull established the Governor's Air Quality Strategies Task Force. There have been more than 35 meetings held by this task force and MAG staff has attended each meeting. Ms. Arthur noted that a task force report is due to the Governor on February 17, 1998.

Ms. Arthur stated that several measures will require legislative action. Others can be considered at the local level. Some of the measures impacting local government that require legislative action are clean burning fireplace construction, banning leaf blowers and replacing them with vacuums, a plan to stabilize targeted unpaved roads, CA Low Emission Vehicle Program, cleaner burning gasoline in the wintertime and CARB diesel.

Ms. Arthur reviewed some of the measures impacting local government that do not require legislative action, such as strengthening and better enforcement of Rule 310, a plan to stabilize unpaved shoulders on targeted arterials, crack seal equipment, PM-10 Efficient Street Sweeping Program, and requiring oxidizing catalysts on chain-driven charbroilers.

Ms. Arthur stated the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced to the Governor's Air Quality Strategies Task Force that hiring additional inspectors needed for enforcement of Rule 310 may have a positive impact on the Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) if the County makes a commitment before March 20, 1998. She noted that the FIP is currently being drafted by EPA to address deficiencies in the Moderate Area 24-Hour PM-10 Plan for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area.

Mr. Bourey reviewed the measures and suggested that the motion exclude the formation of a Governor's Task Force on Future Growth. He noted that the task force would be duplicating the efforts of Region 2025 Vision.

Frank Fairbanks complimented Mayor Scruggs on her leadership with the Governor's Task Force. He noted that he supports the Governor's program but will not vote on the motion as amended.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Governor's office has not supported the idea of a Task Force on Future Growth.

Ed Beasley asked how this would affect the Vision 2025 process. Mr. Bourey explained that the proposed task force would parallel the efforts of Vision 2025.

Mike Branham moved, Ken Driggs seconded, and it was carried to recommend that the Governor and Legislature consider supporting the recommendations of the Governor's Air Quality Strategies Task Force excluding the formation of a Governor's Task Force on Future Growth and urge Maricopa County to establish funding to hire the inspectors needed for enforcement of Maricopa County Rule 310 by March 20, 1998, with Frank Fairbanks and Tom Buick not voting.

B. Serious Area PM-10 Plan Most Stringent Control Measures

Ms. Arthur stated that for the Serious Area PM-10 Plan, it is required that the plan include the most stringent measures in State plans, or in practice in any other state. The measures also need to be feasible for this area. She noted that to assist in determining what measures should be included in the PM-10 Plan, MAG hired a consultant, Sierra Research, to prepare material on this issue. Ms. Arthur reviewed the Most Stringent PM-10 Control Measures which include oxidizing catalysts on chain-driven charbroilers, declaring a PM-10 alert at 75 and 105 ug/m3, limiting moisture content of firewood to 20%, prohibiting solid fuel burning devices in new structures, Phase III EPA standards on new wood stoves and inserts, retrofitting existing fireplaces and wood stoves, banning wood heating devices during no-burn periods, dust control plans for nonresidential construction, cease tilling/mulching if wind speed is greater than 25 mph, implementing best available control measures (BACM) if wind speed is greater than 25 mph, PM-10 Efficient Street Sweeper after January 1, 1999, soil erosion plans by January 1, 1999 for agriculture operations greater than 10 acres, stabilizing new storage piles greater than 2,500 square feet, limiting new and modified industrial sources to 0% opacity, and using CARB diesel fuel. Ms. Arthur noted that a feasibility analysis needs to be conducted and the task force is awaiting a definition of "feasibility" from EPA. She stated that this item is for information and discussion.

Mr. Bourey asked for feedback from the members. David Easchief asked how the members could get more information on each item. Ms. Arthur stated that the full report will be mailed to each member.

Chairman Cleveland indicated that number 11 address' street sweeping. He asked what managers could do to help when it comes to street sweepers. Ms. Arthur stated that there will be tests conducted with various street sweepers. If the tests are successful, then we may move forward with implementation of a street sweeper replacement program.

Chairman Cleveland asked if members had any further questions. There were no further questions.

C. Carbon Monoxide Modeling Update

Ms. Arthur stated that the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has hired a consultant to evaluate the EPA model which is used for developing Carbon Monoxide (CO) Plan credits for I/M 240. Preliminary modeling with the new ADEQ I/M 240 cutpoints indicates a shortfall of approximately 4 percent in the year 2000. It appears that additional measures will be needed for the Serious Area CO Plan.

Chairman Cleveland recognized public comment on agenda items 7A, 7B and 7C.

Blue Crowley stated that there is a lack of effort to address the transportation issue which affects the air quality in this region. He noted that addressing transit, increased bus service and bike lanes can help clean up our air. Mr. Crowley suggested that we use solar power to our advantage.

Mr. Crowley noted that fugitive dust from the desert is larger than PM-10. He also noted that single occupancy vehicles have increased and forms of alternative transportation need to be addressed. Mr. Crowley stated that if people use vacuums instead of blowers, it will help improve the environment.

8. MAG Regional Council Retreat Follow-up

Mr. Bourey stated that on January 23, 1998, the Regional Council participated in an annual retreat. The retreat focused on roles and responsibilities of MAG. He noted that the Articles of Incorporation

and the Bylaws were reviewed. The members discussed operational enhancements such as new budget and Unified Planning Work Program formats. Mr. Bourey indicated that a comparison to other cities' formats and funding was discussed. He stated that the committee structure was reviewed and the members were surprised at the number of committees MAG staffed. Mr. Bourey indicated that the Regional Council should be more involved in major policy decisions. Members suggested a Regional Council liaison for each committee. He noted that MAG will work with the Regional Council on restructuring committees

Mr. Bourey stated that an Annual Report summarizing MAG activities for 1997 was presented to the Regional Council members. During the retreat, a summary of the recommendations was developed. He noted that priorities for the work program were also summarized.

Mr. Bourey stated that the retreat was a success. He felt it was important to forward this information onto the Management Committee. He indicated that it may be beneficial to organize a Management Committee Retreat. Members agreed.

Chairman Cleveland asked if the Regional Council members discussed telecommuting. Mr. Bourey stated that they did and were very supportive of moving forward to develop facilities.

Chairman Cleveland asked if there were any questions. There being no questions or further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary